



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
NEUSS *et al.* )  
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For: RADIALLY EXPANDABLE VESSEL SUPPORT )  
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 21, 2005, with a one-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: